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Cathedral Record

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Choir of the Year

After Jesus had been taken up into heaven the Apostles returned to Jerusalem and devoted themselves to prayer waiting for the promised gift of the Holy Spirit. We too are encouraged to prepare during these final days of Eastertide and pray to the Holy Spirit that he may set our hearts on fire with love of God and give us the grace to witness to Christ by lives of faithfulness and service.

We celebrate the Feast of Pentecost next Sunday with memories of Pentecost in 1967 when the Cathedral celebrated the formal Opening Mass and also Pentecost 1982 when Saint John Paul 2 presided at Mass during his papal visit of this country. This year Archbishop Sherrington will preside at the Solemn Mass and we have a number of adults and teenagers who will receive the sacrament of confirmation.

Since the papal visit in 1982 we have remained faithful to the tradition of walking together with our fellow Christians along Hope Street on Pentecost Sunday afternoon and taking part in a short joint two Cathedrals Service. This year the Salvation Army Band will be playing on our Piazza from 2.30 and after a short time of prayer and singing led by our joint Cathedrals Choirs we will march along Hope Street to Liverpool Cathedral for a final part of the service with an opportunity for chatting to stall holders and children's games and refreshments afterwards at Liverpool Cathedral. The theme this year is 'Many Voices, One Faith' so come along and join in- the more colourful national costumes the better!

This Monday we have a large group of Portuguese speaking visitors from Brazil who have a celebration of Mass within the Cathedral at 3pm. On Thursday the Diocesan Chapter of Canons will be at the Cathedral for their bi-monthly meeting and celebration of mass at 12.15 which will be celebrated in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

The Crypt Concert Hall will be alive with song and anticipation for the Annual Secondary Schools Choral Singing Competition on Thursday evening. This year there are seven of our Secondary schools taking part hoping to win 'Choir of the Year'. It is actually the taking part that counts and over the few years that this has taken place the numbers of schools that take part has increased each year along with the quality of singing and size of the choirs.

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created. And you shall renew the face of the earth. O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

Monsignor Anthony O'Brien

Dean

Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING 17 May 2026

Sunday 17 May

Seventh Sunday of Easter

9.00am Mass Cathedral
10.00am Mass Crypt
11.00am Solemn Mass * Cathedral

* This Mass will be streamed live on Youtube

3.00pm Choral Evening Prayer
4.00pm Mass RLUH
7.00pm Mass Crypt

Monday 18 May

7.45am Morning Prayer
8.00am Mass BSC
12.15pm Mass Crypt
5.00pm Sung Mass BSC

Tuesday 19 May

7.45am Morning Prayer
8.00am Mass BSC
12.15pm Mass Crypt
5.00pm Sung Mass BSC

Wednesday 20 May

7.45am Morning Prayer
8.00am Mass BSC
12.15pm Mass Crypt
5.00pm Sung Mass BSC

Thursday 21 May

7.45am Morning Prayer
8.00am Mass BSC
12.15pm Chapter Mass BSC
5.00pm Sung Mass BSC

Friday 22 May

7.45am Morning Prayer
8.00am Mass BSC
12.15pm Mass Crypt
5.00pm Sung Mass BSC
5.30pm Choral Evening Prayer

Saturday 23 May

8.45am Morning Prayer
9.00am Mass BSC
5.00pm Vigil Mass BSC

EXPOSITION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT

Will take place from 4.00pm on Fridays.

RECONCILIATION (Confession)

Monday - Friday:
Following the 12.15pm Mass in the Crypt
Saturday: 9.30am - 10.30am & 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Please note that there are no Confessions on Holy Days.

Crypt
Crypt Chapel

BSC
Blessed Sacrament Chapel

RLUH
Royal Hospital Chapel

CLERGY:

PRIESTS:
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MASS INTENTIONS

Suzanne Duggan (RIP), Molly (Intentions), Ian Redden (RIP 1st Anniversary), Helen Margaret Kidd (RIP).

PLEASE WATCH!

'Kevin McCloud's Listed Britain' starts next Wednesday, 13th May, at 9pm on More4. In this new 5-part series, Kevin McCloud travels the country to uncover the stories behind the buildings Britain has chosen to protect at the very highest level. With rare access behind the scenes, and Kevin's sleeves rolled up, highlights include helping to repair a dinosaur statue at Crystal Palace Park, climbing inside the Lovell Telescope and raising the roadway on Tower Bridge.

Episode 4 includes Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral, the Penguin Pool at London Zoo and Ratcliffe-on-Soar Cooling Towers as well as, the Lloyds Building and the Royal Festival Hall.

GIBBERD ROOM

Please note that refreshments will be served in the Gibberd Room after the Solemn Mass on Sundays. All are welcome to come along and have a chat with friends and make new acquaintances. Everyone made to feel part of the Cathedral family.

NEWMAN ASSOCIATION

Promoting open discussion and greater understanding in today's Church

The North Merseyside Circle presents a talk by Archbishop John Sherrington on Thursday 21st May at 7.30pm. "Lord, into your hands I commend my Spirit."

Venue: St. Helen's Parish Centre, Alexandra Road, Crosby L23 7TQ
Doors open for refreshments from 7.10pm. Everyone is welcome.

PLEASE NOTE

There is Mass every Sunday at 4.00pm in the Chapel at the Royal Hospital. All welcome.

ORGAN RECITAL

Mussorgsky's PICTURES AT AN EXHIBITION
Works by Debussy - Guillo - Vierne
Performed by
Richard Lea, Cathedral Organist
Wednesday 20 May 19:00
Admission free, retiring collection

PENTECOST

'Many Voices - One Faith' Sunday 24 May 2026, 3-5pm
The Churches of the Liverpool City Region invite you to join together as we celebrate Pentecost with a march from Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral to Liverpool Anglican Cathedral. We will be gathering for this family friendly event at 3pm on Sunday 24th May on the plaza outside the Metropolitan Cathedral before walking together along Hope Street to the Liverpool Cathedral. The theme for this year's march is 'Many voices, one faith'. We will be welcoming people from many different cultures and backgrounds to participate in this symbol of Christian unity and togetherness. The march finishes at the Anglican Cathedral with family friendly activities and numerous stalls from

local charities advertising their work. Do join us. All are welcome.

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

Our Cathedral Altar Servers' team are currently looking for teenagers and young adults to assist with serving the 11am Sunday Mass and special Masses throughout the year. Experience not necessary as full training will be given. Come and be a part of our cathedral family.
enquiries@metcathedral.org.uk

STEP INTO THE ELEGANCE OF THE ART SCHOOL RESTAURANT

We are delighted to invite you to indulge in an unforgettable fine dining experience. Savour a beautifully curated seasonal menu that celebrates the very best of British ingredients, thoughtfully crafted into dishes that are as refined as they will be memorable. With a welcoming drink on arrival, impeccable service, and an atmosphere that blends sophistication with creativity this exclusive evening promises the perfect setting to relax, connect, and enjoy exceptional food in one of the City's most elevated dining destinations. The date you need to keep in your diary is **Wednesday 1 July 2026 from 6.30pm onwards**. Dinner will be served in The Lantern Room. We hope that you will book some tickets and come and enjoy a convivial evening in surroundings that are timeless and yet modern enjoying the company of new friends and old ones, whilst raising money for the Cathedral. Tickets are £50 per person. To book your ticket and to arrange payment please contact Claire Hanlon at c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk

FRIENDS EVENT

Saturday 4 July 2026
1.00pm – 4.00pm.

Step beneath the Cathedral into a hidden world! Have a glimpse into the vision and history that shaped our place of worship.

You are warmly invited to an exclusive guided tour of the Lutyens Crypt – a hidden architectural gem rich in atmosphere and heritage. Discover the vast, awe-inspiring underground space, hear its fascinating story, and experience a side of the Cathedral few ever see.

Following the tour indulge in a delightful afternoon tea featuring delicate sandwiches and hand-crafted, artisan cakes.

A unique afternoon of story-telling, elegance and quiet indulgence. All dietary requirements can be catered for in advance. Places are limited so please sign up early to avoid disappointment. £35 per person. Email friends@metcathedral.org.uk for your ticket to this unmissable experience.

ARCHDIOCESAN YOUNG ADULT GROUP

Anyone aged 18-35 is welcome to join the Archdiocesan Young Adult Group. The group meets fortnightly at the Pauline Book Centre in Liverpool City Centre. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 26 May. As usual, light refreshments will be served at 6.30pm. For enquiries, please contact Moses at m.mui@rcaol.org.uk.

Last week's collection: **£1,610.00**



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LUTYENS CRYPT
— LIVERPOOL'S BEST KEPT —
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Crypt Admission Charges: £5 Adult, £12 Family (2 adults + 2 children)

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Golden Book of Remembrance

The Golden Book Office is now open each Tuesday between 10am and 3pm.

Please call **0151 707 2107** or email goldenbook@metcathedral.org.uk for more information.